AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A printer able to select and print arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with a making date, the printer comprising:

a central processing unit (CPU) that reads image data recorded on the recording medium and executes controls for printing the read image data;

an image data selecting section that is connected to the CPU via a bus and retrieves whether ~~wherein, in a case where printing processing is started, when~~ automatic printing information for automatically printing ~~a set of~~ the image data selected in advance is recorded ~~to said~~ on the recording medium, selects the selected image data from the automatic printing information as image data for printing when the automatic printing information is recorded, and compares making dates of the plural image data and selects at least one image data starting from image data having a newest making date as image data for printing ~~printing according to the automatic printing information is executed, and when said~~ when the automatic printing information is not recorded; and ~~, the making dates of the plural image data are compared and the newest image data is printed~~

a driving section that is connected to the CPU via a bus and receives commands for printing from the CPU to drive a recording head,

wherein the printer automatically prints image data selected by the image data selecting section.

2.   (Previously Presented) The printer according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium is the recording medium of a digital camera.

3.   (Previously Presented) The printer according to claim 1, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

4.   (Currently Amended) A printing method of a printer for selecting and printing arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with a making date, the method comprising:

in a case where printing processing is started, automatically printing according to automatic printing information when the automatic printing information for automatically printing a set of image data selected in advance is recorded to said on the recording medium; and

comparing [[the]] making dates of the plural image data and automatically printing the newest at least one image data starting from image data having a newest making date when [[said]] the automatic printing information is not recorded.

5.   (Original) The printer according to claim 2, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

6.   (Currently Amended) A printer comprising:

a CPU (central processing unit) that reads a plurality of image data recorded on a recording medium and executes controls for printing at least one image data of the plurality of image data;

an image data selecting section connected to the CPU that~~, when printing processing is started,~~ selects the at least one image data, the image data selecting section retrieving whether automatic printing information is recorded on the recording medium, and

selects the at least one image data selected from the automatic printing information when the automatic printing information is recorded on the recording medium,

compares making dates of the plurality of image data and selects the image data having a newest making date when the automatic printing information is not recorded on the recording medium;

a driving section that accepts commands from CPU for printing the at least one image data; and

a recording head connected to the driving section and that prints the at least one image data.

wherein the printer automatically prints the at least one image data selected by the image data selecting section.

7.   (Original) The printer according to claim 6, wherein said recording medium is the recording medium of a digital camera.

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8.   (Original) The printer according to claim 6, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

9.   (Original) The printer according to claim 7, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.